

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 17 January 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-14,17-34 and 36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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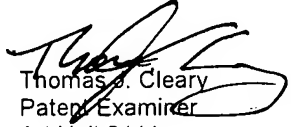
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with LeRoy Maunu on 30 March 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace Claim 5 with: "The method of Claim 4, wherein granting ownership of the bus among the queued agent identifiers comprises granting ownership of the bus to the agents corresponding to the queued agent identifiers in a first-in, first-out fashion."

Replace Claim 6 with: "The method of Claim 1, wherein granting ownership of the bus comprises always granting ownership of the bus among the queued agents over the other agents seeking access to the bus."

Replace Claim 7 with: "The method of Claim 1, wherein granting ownership of the bus comprises granting ownership of the bus to the

agents corresponding to the queued agent identifiers over the other agents seeking ownership of the bus in accordance with a predefined fairness algorithm.”

Replace Claim 8 with: “The method of Claim 1, further comprising regulating the ownership of the bus between the agents corresponding to the queued agent identifiers and the other agents seeking ownership of the bus.”

Replace Claim 9 with: “The method of Claim 8, wherein regulating the ownership of the bus comprises selectively granting the ownership of the bus to agents corresponding to the queued agent identifiers over the other agents seeking ownership of the bus.”

Replace Claim 10 with: “The method of Claim 9, wherein selectively granting ownership of the bus comprises disregarding the granting of the ownership of the bus to the agents corresponding to the queued agent identifiers over the other agents seeking ownership of the bus in accordance with a configurable pattern.”

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In light of Applicant's amendments and persuasive arguments, Claims 1-2, 4-14, 17-34, and 36 are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Thomas J. Cleary whose telephone number is 571-272-3624. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7-3), Alt. Fridays (7-2).

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on 571-272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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